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Statement from Council President Pro Tem Jim Madaffer on the death of former City Councilmember Mike Gotch



There are few people who I have known over my years in politics who had bigger heart for San Diego than Mike Gotch. From his days on the City Council from 1979 to 1987 to his time as Governor Davis's Legislative Secretary from 1999 to 2003, he was a true friend for our City. Mike was the epitome of a class act. He dealt with people in the most gentlemanly of ways and always took time to listen to their concerns.

Mike will be remembered for being a true friend of the environment. He began a style of progressive politics long before it was popular.

San Diego needs more people like Mike Gotch. Both the City of San Diego and the State of California are better today because of his many years of dedicated public service. He will be greatly missed.

Jim Madaffer
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